

a controller, the transmission of the data request signal to the printer controller is interrupted and the data request signal is transmitted to the original-reading device---.

REMARKS

The subject application is a divisional of Applicants' prior U.S. Application No. 08/901,286.

Applicants request favorable consideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks. Claims 37-57 are pending in the application. Claims 37, 40, 43, 46, 48, 50, 52, 54 and 56 are independent.

Claims 1-36 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 37-57 have been added to provide Applicants a scope of protection commensurate with their original disclosure. No new matter has been added.

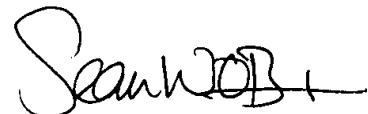
Applicants submitted in parent application No. 08/901,286 certified copies of priority Japanese Patent Application Nos. 8-216956 and 8-216957, both filed on July 31, 1996. Applicants request that these documents be made of record in the subject application.

Applicants also recorded an Assignment in the parent application at Reel 8991, Frame 0558. Applicants request that

this Assignment be made of record in the subject application as well.

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